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SUBJECT: EXTRANCHECK: POST-SHIPMENT VERIFICATION: AL SAMNAN STORES;
AL SAYAD HUNTING EQUIPMENT, DUBAI, UAE.

REF: USDOC OEA EMAIL DATED 2/1/10; ABU DHABI 442, DATED 4/6/08
ABU DHABI 4277, DATED 11/29/04

¶1. Ref email requested that post conduct three separate post-shipment verifications for numerous telescopic sights for rifles exported by Leupold and Stevens, Beaverton, OR under license number D397150 and controlled under ECCN: 0A987.

¶2. On February 9 and 10, 2010, Export Control Officer visited Al Samnan Stores, AKA: Al Sayad Hunting Equipment. Al Sayad Hunting Equipment has been the subject of two previous favorable end use checks (See Ref B PSV and Ref C PLC). ECO discussed the transactions under scrutiny with Mr. Khalid Shareef, Director of Al Samnan/Al Sayad. As noted in previous checks the facility is a well established hunting/camping equipment business. Shareef explained that he does not sell any guns due to the strict prohibition on gun ownership in the UAE. He does sell accessories such as holsters and telescopic sights etc.

¶3. Regarding these transactions he advised that these specific telescopic sights are exclusively for the UAE market and he is well aware of restrictions on US items to Iran and the license condition requirement of notifying the USG prior to re-export. He advised that his customers for these scopes are wealthy Emirati hunters and UAE Royal family hunting expedition end users.

¶4. Post considers Al Samnan Stores; Al Sayad Hunting Equipment to be a reliable recipient of US origin items for these transactions.
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